THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN):(a) No authentic date is available to indicate the increase in number of beggers.

(b) and (c) Several State Governments and Union Territory Administrations have established institutions/rehabilitation homes for beggers where services like boarding, lodging, medical care, vocational training, counselling and guidance are provided for weaning them away from beggary and making them self-reliant. These institutions/homes exist, *inter-alia,* in four metropolitan cities of Delhi, Kolkata, Mumbai and Chennai. The Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi has also initiated a scheme of stipend whereby the inmates taking part in vocational training and other activities are provided a fixed amount of money as an incentive, which also serves as seed capital for helping the released inmates in starting their own trade.

Financial assistance under integrated programme for street children

2738. DR. MAM. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Non-Government Organisations which have been granted financial assistance by Government under the integrated programme for the street children during the last three years; State-wise and year-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that most of the NGOs have not spent the grant judiciously and for the purpose it was allcoated;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN):(a) Information is available at Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment's website *[www.socialjustice.nic.in]*.

(b) No such information has been received so far.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.